

Technology, Energy & Communications Committee

HB 2515

Brief Description: Regarding biodiesel fuel labeling requirements.

Sponsors: Representatives Morris, Chase, Kenney and Hudgins.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Changes the labeling requirement for biodiesel fuel.

Hearing Date: 1/18/10

Staff: Kara Durbin (786-7133).

Background:

The quality of fuel in Washington State is regulated by the Motor Fuel Quality Act (Act). Under the Act, the Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) is responsible for developing fuel quality standards and labeling requirements for biodiesel fuel and ethanol. All fuel pumps offering ethanol or biodiesel must contain a label indicating the percentage of biodiesel or ethanol in the fuel.

Summary of Bill:

Fuel pumps in the state that offer a biodiesel blend must be identified with a label indicating that the fuel "may contain up to five percent biodiesel."

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 15, 2010.

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Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.